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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
P. Van Voris et al.

Serial No.: 08/771,467

Filed: December 20, 1996

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
PROTECTION OF WOODEN
OBJECTS PROXIMATE SOIL
FROM PEST INVASION**

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: N. Levy

Atty. Docket No.: 47309-00025USC1

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2002

Box Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was May 28, 2002. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002 three (3) months, from May 28, 2002 to August 28, 2002.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 41 as follows: